Remarks

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended the claims to delete multiple dependencies to reduce the filing fee. Applicant has also amended the claims to delete reference characters. The present invention is not limited to any particular embodiment shown in the figures or described in the specification. Applicant has also amended the claims to bring their format more in line with standard U.S. format. Applicant has amended the specification to insert reference to the priority applications, delete references to the claims and insert section headings. Applicant submits herewith on a separate sheet an abstract of the disclosure.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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